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The Ontario Mining Sector

The Ontario mining sector plays an important role in the overall Ontario and Canadian economy. The principal minerals and metals extracted or produced in Ontario are gold, nickel, copper, cement, sand and gravel. The major mining centers in Ontario are Sudbury, Timmins, Kirkland Lake, Red Lake and Hemlo/Marathon.



FACTS & FIGURES

- ▶ Ontario mining industry directly employs more than 16,500 jobs
- ▶ Ontario mining companies invest up to US\$25 million on safety and health training
- ▶ Ontario mineral producers spend roughly US\$1 billion on purchasing goods and services
- ▶ This industry invests approximately US\$70 million on environmental protection, improvement and pollution prevention
- ▶ Total investments in 2003 = US\$692 million of which US\$250 million was allocated to purchasing machinery and equipment

MARKET OVERVIEW

- ▶ The province of Ontario led Canada in the production of gold, nickel, cobalt, platinum group metals, salt and structural materials
- ▶ Ontario is home to about 50 mines and more than 100 quarries
- ▶ Most of the minerals mined in Ontario are exported to international markets
- ▶ Metal ore production in this province is valued at US\$4.5 billion and accounts for roughly 50% of Canada's total exports of metal ores

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- ▶ Ontario Mining Association - www.oma.on.ca
- ▶ Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines - www.mndm.gov.on.ca
- ▶ Mining Association of Canada – www.mining.ca

THINK CANADA FIRST!

U.S. suppliers of mining equipment or services are well positioned to increase their market presence in Ontario's billion dollar mining sector. We encourage U.S. companies to contact the U.S. Commercial Service to receive more information on how to increase their export potential in Canada's mining equipment and services market.

When you think of exporting, Think Canada First!

We hope that you find this information useful. For information on the Canadian mining sector, contact our National Mining Sector Specialist, Judy Simonite at Judy.Simonite@mail.doc.gov or call (604) 642-6678. For information on the Ontario mining sector, contact Rita Patlan at Rita.Patlan@mail.doc.gov or (416) 595-5412, ext. 223. Visit our website www.buyusa.gov/Canada to discover other commercial opportunities in Canada. (08/05)

